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Deadly clashes in Egypt as Morsi held as murder suspect

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt formally detained Mohamed Morsi on Friday for allegedly abetting militants in murdering policemen and staging prison escapes, as clashes during massive rallies by his opponents and loyalists killed five people.

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The deposed Islamist president's detention, under a court order for a renewable 15 days, further raised tensions as those applauding the decision and those demanding his reinstatement flooded parts of Cairo and other cities.

Five people were killed in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria in clashes between the rival protesters, despite a massive police and military deployment, the official MENA news agency reported.

The Arab world's most populous country has been rocked by violence that killed some 200 people since the army ousted Morsi on July 3, many in clashes between his supporters and opponents, and in militant attacks in the Sinai peninsula.

At least 72 people were wounded in the Alexandria violence, in which riot police intervened. Ten people were wounded in clashes in Cairo. medics and the health ministry said.

The overwhelming number of Friday's marches remained peaceful, however, with tens of thousands of Morsi supporters gathering in a north Cairo square.

Hundreds of thousands of anti-Morsi protesters gathered in Cairo's Tahrir Square and around the Itihadiya presidential palace in response to a call from army chief General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi for Egyptians to show their support for a security clampdown on "terrorism".

A spokesman for army-installed interim president Adly Mansour said the numbers in Tahrir "affirmed the rejection of terrorism," MENA said.

The accusations against Morsi include conspiring with Palestinian Hamas militants in attacks that killed policemen and staging prison breaks during the 2011 revolt that ousted president Hosni Mubarak.

Inspiring island youth-Gang di Arte 2013



Participants in Gang di Arte 2013

The Gang di Arte program was begun in 2007, ostensibly to train and select island youth to participate in the annual Kingdom of the Netherlands "Kunstbende," or Youth Contest for the Arts. The purpose of the kingdom-wide program is not so much to

pick a winner, but to involve the youth of Holland and the Dutch Caribbean in programs that encourage them to express themselves through the arts. The projects eligible for the program are not limited to the performing arts, but submissions in visual and literary

arts are welcome as well.

The Department of Culture (DCA) has continued the free Gang di Arte program, providing a wonderful outlet and preoccupation for island teenagers over the summer break.

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Aruba's guests honored at Hyatt



Recently the Aruba Tourism itors, at the Hyatt Regency Re-Authority had the great sort and Casino. The symbolic pleasure of honoring a very honorary title is presented in nice family whom are loyal the name of the Minister of and friendly Visitors of Tourism as a token of appreci-Aruba, as Distinguished Vis- ation to guests who visit

Aruba for 10 to 19 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Arindam and Mrs. Sangeeta Dutta and their son Nolin and daughter Jazmin Dutta, the family is from North Caldwell NJ, and they love the friendly people of Aruba, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and Aruba feels like a second home and the people are like a family to them.

The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mr. Zaandam representing the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort and Casino.



Prepare for Hurricane season – Unite in our clean-up action



Huricane and rainy season are upon us and the GKMB of the Department of Public Health is alerting the community to prepare for this. GKMB together with Serlimar, the Bureau of Desaster Prevention and other companies are going to be present at a clean-up action to be held this Sunday. The idea behind the clean-up action is that the less debris there is, the easier it will be to combat the disaster of a huricane or heavy rainfall. Hence, this clean-up action on Sunday, July 28th from 8:00 in the morning to 3:00 in the afternoon in the Savaneta bario and vecinity.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this cleanup action and eliminate all musquito hideouts around homes, in our yards and at all other locations where musquitos may infest during a huricane. There will be a large waste container available for throwing away all gross debris. GKMB will also offer the service of going to homes to help identify potential musquito hideouts along with providing valuable information on prevention tips and techniques.

For more information, please contact GKMB at telephones: 5585-3325 or 585-5533. Your cooperation will definitely contribute to a cleaner environment and the elimination of harmful musquito havens.

THE MORNING NEWS wishes the Peruvian community a Happy Independence Day



Santa Rosa and DOW to provide water for Farmers

The government has recently announced the good news that the process of preparing the "Riool Water Zuiverings Installatie" (RWZI) (water purification installation) at Parkietenbos is being executed. The project has to do with a UV filter designed to purify the water which will contribute to the agriculturists of the island.

The situation of obtaining water is a problem for most farmers in view of the fact that most of the dams on the island are dry and have gotten salty, whereas the water from WEB for plantation is expensive. It is in this vein that the government has begun exploring different alternative options together with Santa Rosa. This has led to the RWZI at Parkietenbos which will be a tremendous relief for our farmers and will ultimately promote agriculture on the island

The project is estimated to cost about Afl. 300,000 and will be funded from the Ministry of Tourism investments. Santa Rosa is the only institution to receive this water free of charge thanks to the cooperation of DOW. Santa Rosa can then turn around and offer farmers this same water at no charge.

Farmers will be responsible only for the cost of the transportation of the water.

The water is of high quality and suitable for many uses, such as for all types of plants, low grown as well as for tall trees and for planting grass for animal feed. The project is sustainable and guarantees a supply of good quality water for the entire year of fruit and vegetable production for our community

Construction of Sta. Cruz Roundabout to start this weekend!



The Director of Public Works (DOW) wishes to inform the community that today July 27th during the night hours the works on the construction of the Sta. Cruz Roundabout will start. This roundabout will be build to replace the traffic lights. Working hours will be from 8 p.m.

5 a.m. from Monday to Saturday.

During the working hours motorist will not be able to use this crossing and are advised to look for alternative routes. DOW will indicate these alternative routes with traffic signs and barricades.

As of Sunday morning the crossing will be converted in a temporarily traffic circle so that the traffic can continue to flow

DOW calculates that these works will take up to three weeks.

DOW asks everyone for their understanding and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Miniature Boat Race this Sunday!



This Sunday at the beach by Wilhelmina park a Miniature Boat Race competition will be held in memory of Mr. Rudolfo St. Jago who was the founder of the Miniature Boats Foundation on the island. The races will start at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Competitions from Bonaire and Curacao will be joining the competition.

This promises to be a nice event so the whole community big and small are invited to come and enjoy these races.





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Double 10X Pay gave away \$14,400 Kerry Bolis Time Played: 13 min



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Game King gave away \$2,400

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Triple 10 Ten Times gave away \$4,000

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Carnival Machine gave away \$3,150 Lisa Roberts Time Played: 5 min



Game King gave away \$2,400 Time Played: 10 min



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Inspiring island youth-Gang di Arte 2013

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Theater group Justice



Tyron Chirino and Yancarlos de Jesus Torres dance as Dub Human



Rap Singer Young Flowz listen to their heart

This confidence building program has showcased some surprising talents and inspired the participants to pursue education and careers in the arts, thus enhancing and continuing an appropriation for sulture and the

appreciation for culture and the arts with a new generation. The local program is modeled after the Dutch program, with an annual theme. This year, it was "Heroes."

On Thursday evening, July 25, the dozens of youngsters participating in the program presented their interpretation of the theme in song, dance, poetry, art, comedy and dramatic skits and film. The DCA team working with them, assisting

them in polishing their presentations was headed by Jhon Freddy Montoya and included Fatme Faarup-Rigaud and Rudberth Wolff

All presentations must be original creations by

the participants addressing the theme. They were required to



Junior Tromp and Silverina Jimenez with a dramatic skit

conceptualize, construct and execute their presentations, with minimal guidance from



Dance Group Extraterrestials

Theater group "Justice" presented an original script with a heart-wrenching core, a son wishing to earn the money for his mother's chemotherapy by entering a talent contest. By the end of the skit, it hit all the high notes, turning into a hilarious and entertaining romp with a triumphant result.

enteen very varied submission, including string art and painting. A repeating theme was honoring family members and appreciating the care and concern of parents and older relatives, a remarkably mature and assuring outlook from the next generation. The grand finale was an exhilarating evening proving talent can be found and developed, along with an appreciation of the arts, among those who had not previously shown much interest.

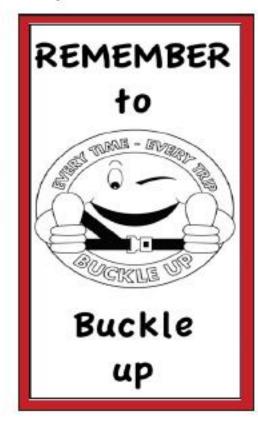
By Rosalie Klein



'My Hero is my Dog'

the DCA team. Some formed duos and groups to perform skits, one particular film of claymation stop-motion animation by "Clay Mara," demonstrated remarkable patience, humor and potential.

The extensive program at Aruba's Cas di Cultura featured Rap singers, traditional and modern dance, a hilarious skit about a serious subject, and creativity and enthusiasm presented in sev-



US tells Russia will not seek death penalty for Snowden

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States has told Russia it will not seek the death penalty nor torture fugitive intelligence leaker Edward Snowden, in an attempt to convince Moscow to turn him over

The assurances came in a letter obtained by AFP Friday that Attorney General Eric Holder sent to Russian Justice Minister Alexander Konovalov.

"We understand from press reports that Mr. Snowden has filed papers seeking temporary asylum in Russia on the grounds that if he were returned to the United States. he would be tortured and would face the death penalty," Holder wrote.

"These claims are entirely without merit."

Snowden, whom Washington wants to put on trial for disclosing details of massive US surveillance, has been marooned at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport for more than a month amid uncertainty about his future.

The case has further strained relations between Washington and Moscow, although a Kremlin spokesman indicated Friday that Snowden's fate is not on President Vladimir Putin's immediate agenda

The White House has voiced strong opposition to Snowden's request for safe haven in Russia and has criticized Moscow for providing him with a "propaganda platform."

In the letter dated Tuesday, Holder said the charges against the 30-year-old do not carry the possibility of the death penalty and that "the United States would not seek the death penalty even if Mr. Snowden were charged with additional, death penalty-eligible crimes."

Holder also stressed to Konovalov that the former National Security Agency contractor would not be tortured and would receive a fair trial back home.

"Torture is unlawful in the United States," he wrote.

"If he returns to the United States, Mr. Snowden would promptly be brought before a civilian court convened under Article III of the United States Constitution and supervised by a United States District Judge."

Snowden would be appointed or could retain counsel, and any questioning would be conducted only with his consent he added

"Mr. Snowden would have the right to a public jury trial; he would have the right to testify if he wished to do so; and the United States would have to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt to a unanimous jury," Holder

"If convicted, Mr. Snow-

den would have the right to appeal to the United States Court of Appeals."

Holder said Washington believes "these assurances eliminate these asserted grounds for Mr. Snowden's claim that he should be treated as a refugee or granted asylum, temporary or otherwise."

Holder also said that, de-

spite news reports and Snowden's belief to the contrary, he is able to travel and is eligible for a "limited validity pass-

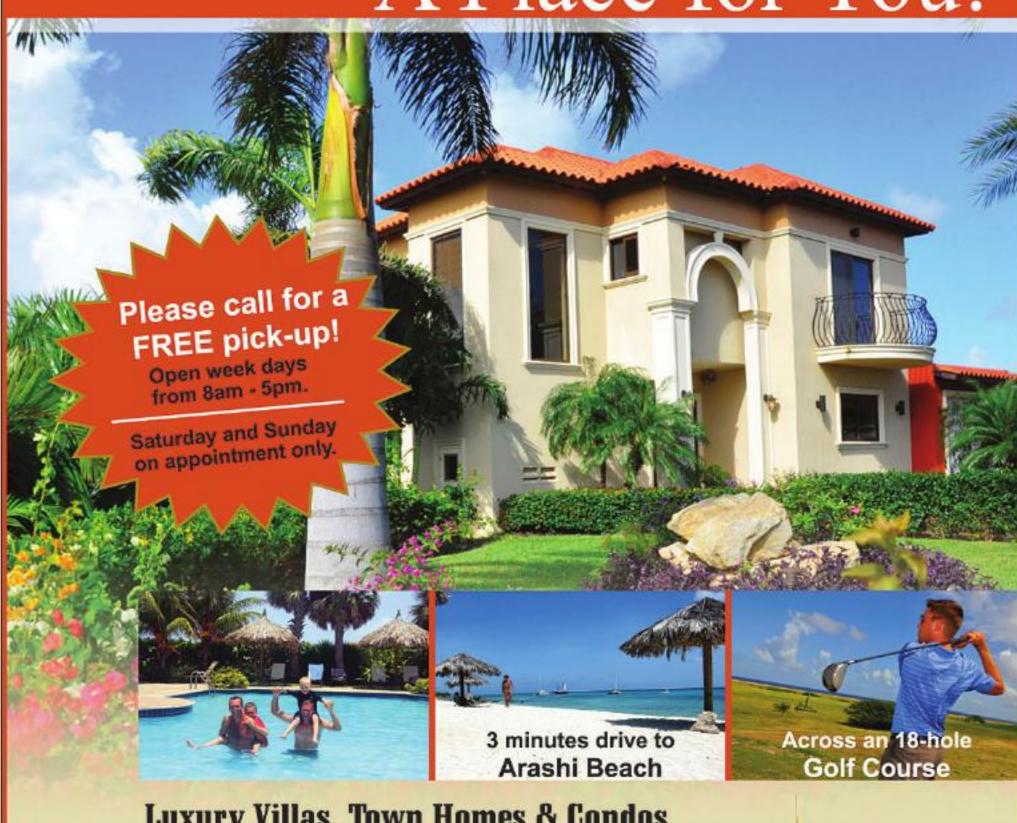
"Despite the revocation of his passport on June 22, 2013, Mr. Snowden remains a US citizen," Holder wrote.

"He is eligible for a limited validity passport good for direct return to the United

States The United States is willing to immediately issue such a passport to Mr. Snow-

The head of a civic panel that advises the Russian migration service warned Friday that Snowden could still stay half a year in Sheremetyevo while his asylum application is considered.





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Indian teachers refuse to serve lunches after tragedy

PATNA (AFP) - Thousands of teachers in eastern India are refusing to serve free school lunches, saying it is not part of their job, after the deaths of 23 pupils from food poisoning, officials said Friday.

The teachers, who began their protest Thursday, are angry at being forced to supervise the cooking and say they are blamed for the poor quality of the free meals.

"Mid-day meals could not be served in over 4,600 schools across the state out of a total of 70,000 schools covered by the programme," the Bihar director of the lunch programme, R. Lakshamanan, said

"About one million students have been deprived of food due to the boycott," Lakshamanan added

Police on Wednesday arrested the head teacher of the school in Saran district in poverty-stricken Bihar state where the 23 children aged four to 12 died after a lunch of lentils, potatoes and rice that was laced with a lethal pesticide.

A court on Thursday ordered the head teacher. Meena Devi, to be held in judicial custody until August 5 while police question her about the tragedy. No charges have been laid.

"Repeated requests to the government to remove primary teachers from midday meal duty have fallen on deaf ears," Bihar Primary School Teachers' Association general secretary Mahendra Sahi said, according to The Times of India website.

"The Saran school principal was wrongly framed in the case relating to the July 16 tragedy," Sahi added, vowing that the teachers would not do any non-teaching work from now onwards.

Devi apparently fled shortly after the poisoning, which also left some 30 children ill in hospital and sparked angry street protests.

Saran district administrator Abhijit Sinha told AFP the teacher was key to resolving the issue of just how the deadly chemicals ended up in the food.

Oil used to cook the food contained an agricultural insecticide that was five times the strength sold in the marketplace, a forensic report found.

Free lunches are offered to some 120 million schoolchildren throughout India in what is the world's largest school feeding programme. Bihar is one of the country's poorest and most denselypopulated states.

Dollar dips against euro as traders await Fed meeting



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -The dollar weakened slightly against the euro Friday as traders awaited next week's Federal Reserve meeting hoping for clearer guidance on stimulus policy.

The euro bought \$1.3278 around 2100 GMT, up a touch from \$1.3275 at the same time Thursday.

The dollar fell more strongly against the Japanese currency, to 98.20 yen from 99.20 yen Thursday.

The euro fell to 130.48 yen from 131.71 yen.

"The dollar is weaker after recent data misses have led to speculation that the Fed may after all hold off from tapering QE in September," said Fawad Razaqzada of GFT.

The Fed's Federal Open Market Committee wraps up a two-day monetary policy meeting Wednesday with a statement that traders hope

will give a better sense of when the central bank will begin reeling in quantitative easing (QE), its open-ended program of \$85 billion-amonth asset purchases.

"Investors remain squarely focused on the Fed's meeting on Wednesday in the wake of rumors that a new form of forward guidance is being considered," said Christopher Vecchio of Dai-

The Fed has been using "forward guidance" -- a communications tool -- to signal that it would aim to keep interest rates lower for an extended time period. That period is currently through 2015.



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US to encourage rights in China meeting

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said Friday that it would seek improvements in China's human rights record, including its treatment of ethnic minorities, during talks next week in the Asian nation.

The United States and China will hold an annual dialogue on human rights Tuesday and Wednesday in the southern city of Kunming, with the US delegation also visiting Beijing, the State Department said.

"The promotion of human rights remains a key tenet of US foreign policy, including toward China, and we are committed to continuing candid and in-depth discussion with the Chinese government on this issue," State Department spokeswoman Jen ington Psaki said in a statement.

She said the US side planned to discuss issues including China's treatment of ethnic minorities, freedom of religion and labor rights.

The two nations started the annual human rights dialogue in the wake of China's 1989 clampdown on demonstrations in Tiananmen Square, although Beijing refused talks from 2002 to 2008 out of anger at US criticism.

Human rights advocates, while generally supportive of holding the dialogue, have been disappointed with the results and warn that China can use the talks to separate rights concerns from the rest of its relationship with Wash-

The date of the rights talks was set during the main annual dialogue between China and the United States on July 10-11

At the close of the socalled Strategic and Eco-Dialogue nomic Washington, the United States voiced concern over China's treatment of its Tibetan and Uighur minori-

More than 120 Tibetans have torched themselves since 2009 to protest what they see as China's harsh rule, while the Xinjiang region has seen frequent tension between Uighurs and China's majority Han population.



International News

Cold snap claims fourth victim in Paraguay

ASUNCION (AFP) - Police reported a fourth cold snap victim Friday in Paraguay, where average temperatures this week have been between 0 and 10 degrees Celsius (32 to 50 degrees Farenheit).

An 87-year-old man was found Thursday evening lying face-down on the floor of his home in the southern town of Caballero. A coroner assessed his cause of death as hypothermia.

The cold snap also claimed a 62-year-old man who died in Ciudad del Este in the country's southeast.

A 55-year-old man died in a neighborhood of the capital, Asuncion, and a 93-year-old man died in San Lorenzo on its outskirts. All deaths were reported as from hypothermia. In some regions, the wind chill factor reached -4 degrees Celsius, according to records from the country's Bureau of Meteorology.

Farmers unions estimate that there will be crop losses from frost that is covering the ground.

Paraguay had hoped for record agricultural production this year, particularly from cereals and oilseeds.

Police and medics have been carrying out rescue operations for the destitute in cities exposed to low temperatures. Forecasters predict warmer weather for the weekend.

US poised to sell Iraq \$2 bn in military equipment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon has informed the US Congress of a possible sale of \$2 billion worth of military equipment to Iraq, officials said Friday.

Lawmakers, notified Thursday, have 30 days to raise any objections to the plan, which consists of three contracts.

The first includes 12 Bell 412 EPhelicopters and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support totalling an estimated \$300 million.

"This equipment will provide the Iraqi Air Force with a search and rescue capability critical to developing a mature Air Force," the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, or DSCA, said in a statement.

The second contract, worth

prostitution ring

an estimated \$900 million, is for 50 M1135 Stryker Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicles.

The sale would provide the Iraqi army "with reliable capabilities for early warning of contamination by radiological, biological, and chemical material," according to the DSCA

Worth some \$750 million, the final contract is for five years of maintenance support for a series of vehicles, from simple jeeps to so-called Tactical Floating River Bridge Systems.

"Helping Iraq maintain, sustain, and effectively utilize the equipment it has purchased or received from the United States over the past decade is a US priority," the DSCA said.

Greek police bust Dominican

As with all notifications of such plans, it underscored that the proposed sale would not "alter the basic military balance in the region."

In December 2011, the United States approved the sale of 36 F-16 fighter jets to Baghdad in a contract worth several billion dollars.

In October 2012, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki had asked Washington, whose troops left the country at the end of 2011, to speed up delivery of weapons for Iraqi troops.

Baghdad had signed weapons contracts with Russia worth more than \$4.2 billion, but these were later canceled on suspicion of corruption.

Cuba marks 60 years since start of communist revolution

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba on Friday launched 60th anniversary celebrations of ex-leader Fidel Castro's Moncada Barracks assault -- widely seen as the start to the country's communist revolution.

The events, led by current President Raoul Castro, kicked off in the courtyard of the former Moncada Garrison, where in 1953, a young Fidel and more than 100 rebels attempted to overthrow the dictator Fulgencio Batista.

The bid was unsuccessful, but Castro eventually toppled Batista in 1959, launching the Americas' only communist regime, which he ruled for five decades before stepping aside for health reasons in favor of his brother.

Leftist presidents from Uruguay, Venezuela, Bolivia and Nicaragua were all on hand to commemorate the event, along with some 10,000 Cubans and foreigners.

Ecuador's foreign minister, as well as prime ministers from several Caribbean states, were also present at the ceremony, which started shortly after dawn

ATHENS (AFP) - Police in Greece on Friday said they had dismantled a major prostitution ring exploiting women and men from the Dominican Republic, arresting over a dozen suspects nationwide in

an international operation.

Greek police spokesman
Christos Parthenis said the
swoop was an "important success" in "the battle against
modern slavers."

The prostitution ring employed operatives in the Dominican Republic who lured low-income Dominicans to Spain with the promise of work, using Greece and Turkey as transit countries.

The organisation demanded a fee of 5,000 to 6,000 euros (\$6,500-7,800) for the trip, but once the Dominicans reached Turkey their passports were confiscated and they were forced into prostitution or drug trafficking to pay for their accommodation.

Additional funds were extorted from the victims' families back home.

Police raids in the greater Athens area, central Greece, northern Greece, the Peloponnese and the island of Crete managed to free 14 women and six men.

Another 19 suspects are sought in Greece and abroad in connection with the case.

The police operation was carried out over several months with assistance from Spanish and US authorities, Parthenis said

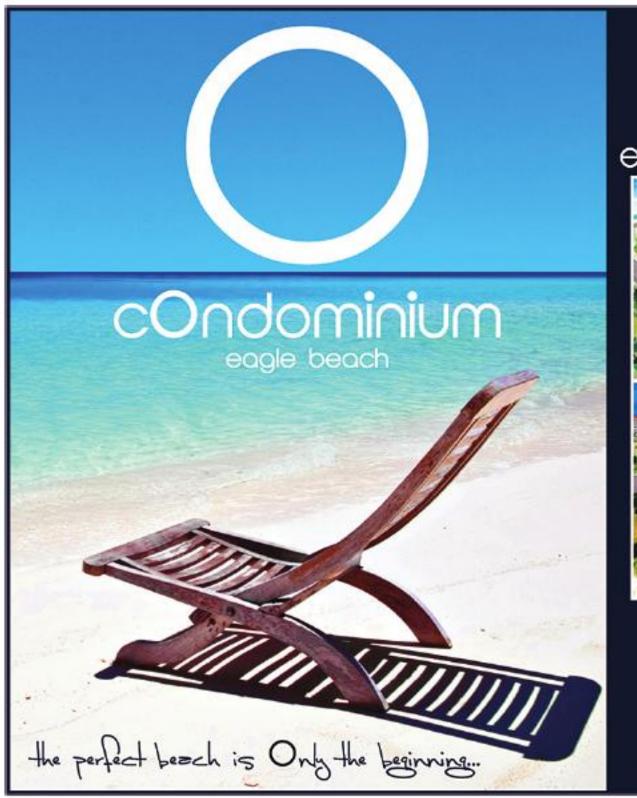


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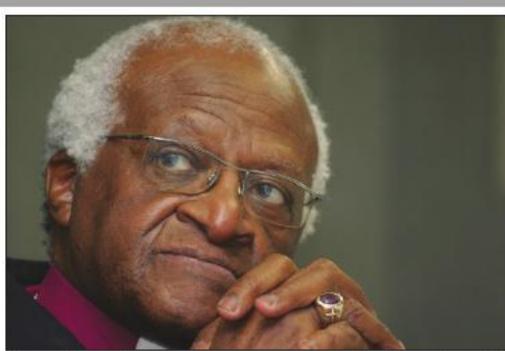
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I would not worship a homophobic God: S.Africa's Tutu

CAPE TOWN (AFP) - South African peace icon Desmond Tutu on Friday said he would rather go to hell than worship a homophobic God, likening the fight against gay prejudice to the anti-apartheid struggle.

"I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven. No, I would say sorry, I mean I would much rather go to the other place," the retired archbishop said at the launch of a United Nations gay equality campaign in Cape Town.

"I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel



about this," he said, condemning the use of religious justification for anti-gay prejudice



Launched by the UN Human Rights Office, the public education campaign "Free and Equal" aims to raise awareness of anti-gay violence and discrimination

Tutu, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, compared the project to the fight South Africans waged to end the former white racist minority rule, a struggle in which he played a pivotal role.

"I am as passionate about this campaign as I ever was about apartheid. For me, it is at the same level," the 81year-old said.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said same-sex relationships are illegal in more than a third of countries around the world and punishable by death in five.

Even in countries where gay rights are upheld challenges remain, she said, noting that South Africa has "some of the worst cases of homophobic violence" despite having some of the world's best legal protections.

The country has seen brutal, deadly attacks on lesbians, who also risk falling victim to what is known as "corrective rape".

A South African lesbian was last month found dead, having been sexually assaulted with a toilet brush.

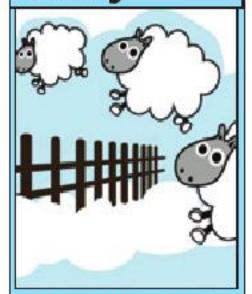
"People are literally paying for their love with their lives," said Pillay.

The campaign, which aims to push for legal reforms and public education against homophobia, will have a strong focus on working with governments.

"I constantly hear governments tell me 'but this is our culture, our tradition and we can't change it'... So we have lots of work to do," said Pillay.-

Health & Living

The full moon may make it hard to sleep: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) Swiss researchers said Thursday that people really do have
a hard time getting a good
night's sleep when the moon
is full, even when they can't
see it.

The results of a study on 33 volunteers published in the journal Current Biology showed that people took longer to fall asleep at night and slept for a shorter time during a full moon.

The volunteers were monitored on two separate nights, and were not aware of the cycle of the moon during their time in the sleep lab.

When there was a full moon, people slept an average of 19 minutes less and took five minutes longer to fall asleep than they did when there was a new moon.

"The lunar cycle seems to influence human sleep, even when one does not 'see' the moon and is not aware of the actual moon phase," said Christian Cajochen of the Psychiatric Hospital of the University of Basel

Study participants also reported feeling less well rested, and showed lower levels of melatonin, a hormone that regulates sleep and wake cycles, during the full moon

"To our knowledge, this is the first report of a lunar influence on objective sleep parameters," the study said.

Researchers said more studies may reveal whether the moon has a measurable effect on moods and mental performance as well.



Sci-Tech

Samsung sees record Q2 profit, smartphone fears linger

SEOUL (AFP) - Samsung Electronics, the world's largest technology firm by revenue, said Friday its April-June net profit surged 49.7 percent from a year earlier to another record high.

The South Korean company said net profit in the second quarter rose to 7.77 trillion won (\$6.96 billion) from 5.19 trillion won a year earlier.

The sharp jump came on the back of robust shipments of its flagship Galaxy S smartphones and higher chip prices.

Operating profit surged 47.5 percent on-year to 9.53 trillion won in the same period as sales grew 20.7 percent on-year to 57.46 trillion

The figures were in line with the firm's forecast at the start of the month, although they were well short of expectations, which had been for an operating profit of 10

trillion won.

That compares with Apple, which sold 31.2 million iPhones in April-June -- a record for the quarter -- compared with 37.4 million in the previous three months, according to research firm Strategy Analytics.

However, Apple's fiscal third-quarter results on Tuesday showed net profit plunged 22 percent year-on-

beat expectations, there are still fears for the high-end smartphone market cheaper Android devices from China and emerging markets become more attractive options.

Samsung, Nokia Corp. and HTC Corp. are launching more affordable devices to diversify their product lineups, although analysts have warned that such a move could hit their profit margins in the longer term, analysts

! Halliburton admits destroying i US oil disaster evidence



WASHINGTON (AFP) US energy services giant, has admitdestroying evidence relating to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the And while iPhone sales | Gulf of Mexico, the worst such disaster in American history.

A Justice Department stateas ment released late Thursday said the company had agreed to plead guilty to criminal conduct that occurred when it was carrying out its own post-accident investigation.

> Eleven people died and 4.9 million barrels of oil gushed into the Gulf over a threemonth period after the explosion, with BP -- who leased Deepwater Horizon -- ending up paying billions of dollars in compensation and cleanup

Halliburton Energy Services, BP's contractor, had been accused by the British oil giant of destroying evidence. BPhas also asked Halliburton to pay damages stemming from the April 2010 accident off the coast of Louisiana.

The Justice Department statement said Halliburton -which constructed the cement casing of the well at the center of the disaster -- had carried out its own internal investigations in May and June the same year.

However, the results of computer simulations conducted as part of that probe were ordered to be destroyed and were never recovered, it

In addition to a guilty plea - which is subject to court approval -- Halliburton has agreed to pay the maximum statutory fine of \$200,000. The company said in a statement that it would make a separate and voluntary \$55 million payment to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

The disaster wreaked havoc on the Gulf region's environment and economy.

The central subject of the cooperation and guilty plea deal was the number of heavy metal collars, known as centralizers, placed at various points on the cement casing of the Macondo well that eventually exploded.

The Justice Department said that prior to the blowout, Halliburton had recommended that 21 centralizers be used, but BP instead opted for six.

Halliburton's post-accident tests failed to back up its earlier suggestion.

In a later incident in or around June 2010, similar evidence was also destroyed when Halliburton's cementing technology director asked another more experienced employee to repeat the simulations.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Medical examiners on Friday were working to figure out what killed 36-year-old hacker Barnaby Jack, a software wizard poised to give a talk on wirelessly tampering with heart devices. The San Francisco coroner's office told AFP that an autopsy was scheduled to determine what caused Jack's death on Thursday. Jack was a San Francisco resident and worked as a software security researcher at IOActive Labs. The admired member of the hacker community made headlines in 2010 by revealing a way to crack automated teller machines remotely using the Internet. He was scheduled to give a presentation next week at a Black Hat hacking conference in Las Vegas on how to remotely tamper with



wireless defibrillators implanted in chests to restart stalled hearts. Jack said in an IOActive blog post early this year that he has been spending the majority of his time researching how vulnerable new model wireless pacemakers and Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (Jack found a way to access ATMs remotely using the Internet. Once in the machines, he could command them to spit out cash or transfer funds.

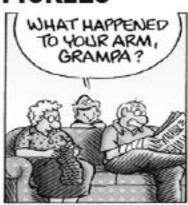


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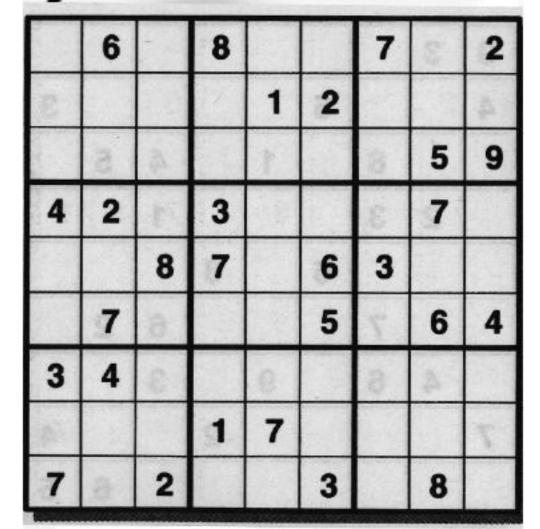
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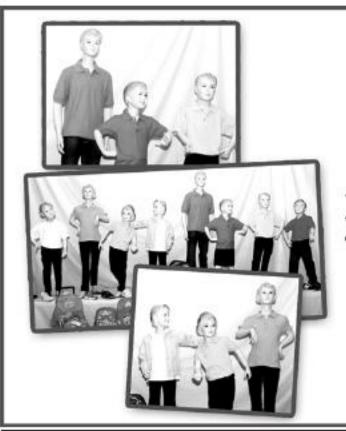
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Air France-KLM cuts losses, says more cost-saving needed



PARIS (AFP) - Struggling airline group Air France-KLM said on Friday it had reduced net losses in the first half of this year but that more cost-saving would be needed to pull it out of the red.

The French-Dutch airline is in the midst of a major restructuring plan as it struggles to cope with the rise of low-cost airlines and competition from Middle Eastern and Asian carriers.

In its half-year earnings statement, the company said its net losses for the first half of 2013 were 793 million euros (\$1.05 billion), against losses of 1.27 billion euros in the first half of last year.

The second quarter of this year saw a marked improvement, with net losses at 163

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million euros, against losses of 897 million euros in the second quarter of 2012.

The company even managed to post an operating profit of 79 million euros in the second quarter, after suffering an operating loss of 79 million euros in the same period last year.

Last year, the company announced a vast recovery plan dubbed "Transform 2015" that has already led to more than 5,000 job cuts among its about 100,000 staff.

Wages have also been frozen and the fleet of aircraft trimmed.

The company's sales were at 6.58 billion euros in the second quarter, a 1.2 percent increase year-on-year, bringing total half-year sales to 12.3 billion euros, up 1.3 percent.

The company said its net debt, which weighs heavily on the group, fell by more than 600 million euros to 5.3 billion euros.

They added that Air France was in discussion with Abu Dhabi's Etihad on deepening their existing code-sharing partnership into "something more structural".

Etihad is on a partnership spree worldwide in and in May expanded cooperation with Air France-KLM to Africa, Australia and Europe beginning this summer.

Commodities hit again by China Jitters

LONDON (AFP) - Global commodity prices mostly fell this week as traders took their cue from mounting worries over the Chinese economy, which is a crucial consumer of many raw materials and where data showed China's country's manufacturing activity contracted to an 11-month low in July.

OIL: World oil prices were shaken by stubborn Chinese demand concerns.

HSBC said in a survey Wednesday that its preliminary purchasing managers' index (PMI) hit 47.7 this month, down from a final 48.2 in June and the lowest since August. A reading below 50 indicates contraction, while anything above signals expansion.

The PMI tracks manufacturing activity in China's factories and workshops and is a closely watched gauge of the health of the economy.

China's economy has been weakening this year, with growth in the April-June period dipping to 7.5 percent, from 7.7 percent in the first quarter and 7.9 percent in October-December.

By late Friday on London's Intercontinental Exchange, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in September sank to \$106.91 a barrel compared with \$108.93 a week earlier.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas Intermediate or light sweet crude for September dropped to \$104.36 a barrel from \$108.67 for the August contract a week earlier.

PRECIOUS METALS: Prices mainly rose, bucking the downward trend on most commodity markets.

BASE METALS: Base or industrial metal prices mostly fell after the poor Chinese data.

IMF sees slower-thanexpected US growth in Q2

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US economy looks like it grew more slowly than expected in the second quarter, the International Monetary Fund said Friday.

The pullback in consumer spending poses a sharp drag on growth as it fuels about twothirds of activity in the world's largest economy.

The US government is set to release its first estimate of gross domestic growth for the second quarter on Wednesday.

First-quarter GDP growth was at a tepid annual rate of 1.8 percent as the economy still struggles to recover from the Great Recession that ended four years ago.

The IMF reiterated its warning that downside risks dominate, pointing to payroll tax increases in January and the sharp "sequester" spending cuts that began in March as slowing economic growth.

The IMF board of directors "generally concurred that the fiscal deficit reduction in 2013 is excessively rapid, and that the automatic spending cuts ('the sequester') not only reduce growth in the short term but could also lower medium-term potential growth," the report said.

The sharp US fiscal tightening was expected to keep growth "subdued" at 1.7 percent this year, the IMF said, projecting 2014 growth would pick up to 2.7 percent "as the fiscal drag subsides and the negative legacies of the financial crisis wane further."

The government's fiscal policies are expected to shave between 1.50 and 1.75 percentage points from growth this year, it said.

The US Federal Reserve has a decidedly brighter view of the economy's trajectory. The central bank has estimated 2013 growth between 2.3 percent and 2.6 percent, which would accelerate in 2014 to 3.0-3.5 percent.

The IMF said the Fed's highly accommodative policy remained "appropriate" given the slack growth and tame inflation expectations.

The Fed has signaled it could begin to wind down its openended \$85 billion-a-month asset-purchase program in the coming months if the economy continued to improve.

Both staff and the US authorities agreed that effective communication would be critical, the IMF said.



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US capital's iconic Lincoln Memorial has been vandalized with green paint and closed temporarily, authorities said Friday. The splatter on the landmark larger-than-life statue of Abraham Lincoln was discovered overnight. The monument -- situated on Washington's National Mall -- is a major draw for tourists. Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won

this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full

Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

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from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

'Action' pope returns to streets of Rio



Estimated 1.5 millions to see the Pope in Copacabana

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) Pope Francis took his high-octane mission to "shake up"
Catholic faith back to the
streets of Brazil Friday, greeting throngs of pilgrims, meeting convicts and hearing
youngsters confess their sins.

Latin America's first pontiff rode his open-top popemobile again on his fifth day in Rio de Janeiro, saluting and blowing kisses to thousands who came out to cheer him on "I feel overwhelmed like I want to cry," said Barbara Perpetuo, 23, a local engineering student among the pilgrims who have gathered from around the globe to see Francis during World Youth Day, a weeklong gathering of young Catholics.

The 76-year-old Argentine, who has championed the cause of the poor, was taken to the palace of the Rio archdiocese, where he met privately with a group of convicts.

His desire to meet the faithful face to face took him to a park where he heard three Brazilians, a Venezuelan and an Italian confess their sins

"I was told that it was God who wanted me with Pope Francis and when he came I couldn't believe it," said Estefani Lescano, the 21-year-old Venezuelan student who was among 300,000 pilgrims picked at random to meet the pontiff.

"I told him that he should visit my country because we need him. He told me that Venezuelans have no sins," Lescano said, refusing to reveal what she confessed during her five minutes with the top Catholic.

The pope resumed his hectic schedule hours after leading a massive ceremony with 1.5 million young believers who braved wind and rain to see him on the beach of Copacabana.

"What an unforgettable welcome in Copacabana May God bless you all!" he said in a tweet early Friday.

Vatican officials have made no secret of the fact that the pope's first trip abroad since his election aims to re-energize followers. Brazil remains the world's biggest Catholic country, but the flock has shrunk while Evangelical churches have grown in size.

Addressing thousands of fellow Argentines in Rio's cone-shaped cathedral on Thursday, the pope urged young Catholics to "shake up" the church.

He also hammered home his message that clergymen must go out and take the words of the Gospel to the people.

The pope put his message into practice Thursday when he visited one of Rio's notorious favelas, including the home of a slum dweller.

He also used the background of the shantytown to wade into Brazil's tense political and social debate, urging people to persevere against corruption and defend the less fortunate.

Brazil was rocked by the largest street demonstrations in two decades last month, when more than a million people mobilized to condemn corruption, poor public services and the cost of hosting the 2014 World Cup.

Later Friday, the pontiff will again hop on his open-top jeep to drive along the crescent-shaped Copacabana beach and participate in a reenactment of the 14 Stations of the Cross -- scenes of Jesus carrying the cross to his crucifixion.

"The pope is showing incredible energy during this trip, like in Rome," Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said. "He doesn't even take advantage of the moments of rest. He's always in action."

The pope's weekend schedule was drastically changed due to the rain that has battered Rio state this week.

Organizers moved Sunday's final mass to Copacabana because the original site, a huge field outside Rio, was soaked. This forced the organizers to also cancel an all-night vigil from Saturday to Sunday at the field in Guaratiba.



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After 3 decades, Buccaneer is still an island favorite for fresh fish and seafood

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moray eels and even a shark provide a constant show

This riveting display was the vision of the founder and chef Joseph Munzenhoffer. and his son, Vasty, maintains the singular underwater ambiance with the same devo-

Aside from a visit to the every time a patron walks in restaurant being fun for the whole family, it will also be light on the pocketbook, with a diverse and delicious selection of fresh caught specials of the day, prepared any of several ways. Have them whole or filleted, with several sauces and styles of preparation to chose from, or tell the



Buccaneer in Koyari

dishes, one of their regular patrons, who declares it is "my favorite restaurant on Aruba." informed us he always orders the steak or rack of lamb. A large family will find the vast selection of dishes will satisfy

landlubbers and fish fanatics alike

The restaurant also offers and early bird special daily from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. They offer a three-course meal with a choice of elegant appetizers, a fish, beef or chicken main course, and dessert, for only \$25. It is possible to peruse their full menu at their website: http://www.buccaneeraruba.com Closed on Sun-

Regular visitors to Aruba may have noticed it is a place where restaurants open and close with a similar frequency to New York City, but Buccaneer has gone the distance, as popular with both visitors and residents as ever; it certainly must be for a good reason



Rack of Lamb for Landlubbers

tors often recommend newcomers to the Buccaneer restaurant, on the outskirts of Palm Beach, for not only reasonably priced meals, but one of the most unique dining environments on Aruba. When it first opened 32 years ago, it started quite a stir, and that same feeling of wonder is felt

-- Veteran island visi-

The fun and funky nautical decor is the perfect comple-

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SPORTS



Donovan leads **US against** Panama for **Gold Cup**

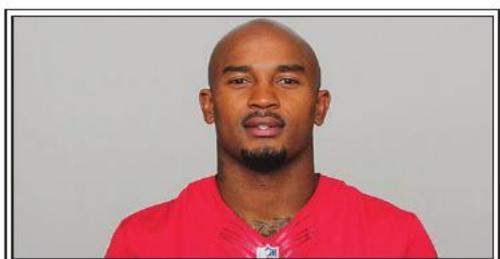


Donovan in the arms of his teammates celebrating

CHICAGO (AFP) - US all- the team to 25 goals in an untime scoring leader Landon Donovan, who has netted five goals in his past six matches. leads the Americans against Panama in Sunday's Gold Cup final.

The 31-year-old striker, a three-time World Cup standout for the US squad, has sparked beaten run to what could be their first title in the North American biennial battle for football supremacy since 2007.

"I've never been part of a run like this," Donovan said. Overall, the Americans are 11-2-2 this year and on a record 10-match win streak that in-



SANTA CLARA - San Francisco 49ers starting cornerback Tarell Brown has lost a \$2 million Bonus in his contract after he chose not to participate in the team's voluntary offseason program. In order to receive the \$2 million, he was contractually obligated to work out with the Niners during their offseason program.Yet Brown said after practice that he learned of it via Twitter on Thursday because he didn't know about that clause in the deal, and he then fired agent Brian Overstreet for the mistake.

cludes three World Cup qualifying triumphs and a friendly victory over Germany in June.

Donovan has not played in a qualifier this year, having taken almost four months off between seasons for the Los Angeles Galaxy and prompting US coach Jurgen Klinsmann to say he had to work his way back into the squad that is in prime position to qualify for next year's World Cup finals in Brazil.

He is succeeding and figures to have proven himself worthy of a spot in the US lineup for the next World Cup qualifying match on September 6 at Costa

"I'm enjoying myself," said Donovan. "It's the most relaxed I've ever felt. When that's the case, I do really well."

Donovan has also shown leadership with young US talent that will challenge for World Cup spots in other positions.

The Americans seek their fifth Gold Cup crown after previously taking the title in 1991, 2002, 2005 and 2007.

It will be the fifth final in a row for the Americans, who beat Panama on penalty kicks in 2005 and Mexico in 2007 only to lose to Mexico in 2009 and 2011.

The Panamanians, 1-9 with two drawn all-time against the Americans, have only reached the final once but are a threat after knocking off Mexico twice in the tournament, including in the semi-finals.

The winner of Sunday's final will face the 2015 Gold Cup champion to decide a berth in the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup in Russia.

Golf: Scotland's Knox shoots 59



BOISE (AFP) - Scotland's Russell Knox fired a 59 in the second round of the Boise Open on Friday, becoming only the fifth player to achieve the feat on the developmental Web.com Tour.

Knox's 12-under par round at Hillcrest Country Club made the 28-year-old from Inverness the early clubhouse leader at 14-under 128 through 36 holes.

Knox began off the 10th tee with a birdie and followed with four pars in a row but added seven birdies and two eagles over the next 11 holes.

With a chance to finish even lower, Knox made pars on the eighth and nine holes to finish on 59.

It came just two weeks after American Will Wilcox shot 59 in the final round of a Web.com Tour event in Utah, which was the first 59 on the circuit since American Jason Gore accomplished the feat in 2005. Americans

Notah Begay and Doug Dunakey fired 59s in the 1998 season.

Knox, who shared 45th at the US Open in his only major start this year, has played 10 US PGA Tour events this season and is in his ninth event on the developmental series this year.

His best PGA showing of the season was a share of 13th at last month's Travelers Championship the week after the US Open. His best career PGA finishes were shares of ninth last year at the Children's Miracle Network Classic and Frys.com

Soriano traded to the Yankees



-- The Cubs' have traded Alfonso Soriano to the Yankees, with 21-year-old right-hander Corey Black the piece coming back to the Cubs. The Cubs will send \$17.7 million to the Yankees to help offset the \$24.5 million owed Soriano. Soriano, 37, was a Yankee from 1999-2003 when he went to Texas in the Alex Rodriguez deal before the start of the 2004 season. In 501 games as a Yankee, Soriano hit .284 with 571 hits, 98 home runs, 270 RBIs and 121 stolen bases. Soriano is batting .254 with 17 homers and 57 RBIs.



MLB: Mets thrash Nationals, 11-0

WASHINGTON - With the Friday afternoon victory at Nationals Park, the Mets climbed to seven games under .500 for the first time since May 30. They exclusively have occupied fourth place in the division since May 11, but that can change with Harvey pitching on the one-year anniversary of his major league debut in the nightcap of the split doubleheader.

The free-falling Nats (49-54) have lost seven of eight games since the All-Star break.

The Mets (46-53) are an NL East-best 21-13 since June 18, the day of that Harvey-Zack Wheeler doubleheader in Atlanta.

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Mejia (23) on Friday afternoon barged back into the Mets pitching picture, leading them to an 11-0 victory over the Washington Nationals.

Mejia silenced the Nationals for seven innings, giving up seven hits and no walks and picking up seven strikeouts. It was his first start of the season, his first since last September, and the seventh of his career.

The Mets signed Mejia in 2007, when he was 17 years old, for \$16,500. At 20, he made the club's 2010 Opening Day roster. But he never found his groove working from the bullpen, and he was sent to the minors for seasoning.

Mejia showed some impres-

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sive stuff — foremost, a cutter that hovered around 94 miles per hour — and some grit, too. He escaped from a first-inning jam unscathed after inducing a groundout from Jayson Werth to strand runners on the corners. He got into trouble during the third as well, but got Werth to strike out to quash that threat.

He did not have a clean inning until the fifth. His most impressive inning was the sixth when he struck out Ryan Zimmerman and Adam LaRoche and, after allowing a single to Werth, struck out Ian Desmond on a looping curveball. When he got through the seventh, 1-2-3, he skipped off the field wearing a wide smile.

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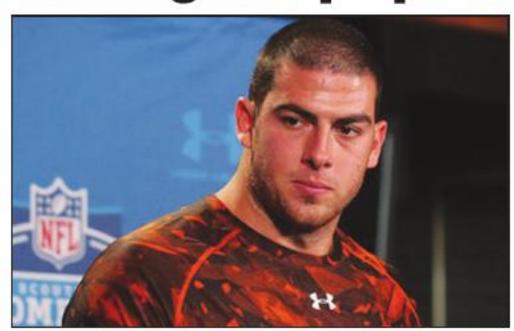
Redskins DE Jarvis Jenkins suspended for alleged PED violation

WASHINGTON - The NFL announced yesterday that Redskins Defensive End Jarvis Jenkins has been suspended without pay for the first four games of the regular season for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances.

Jenkins will be eligible to return to the Redskins' active roster on September 30, following the team's September 29, game against the Oakland Raiders



NFL: Chiefs land top draft pick as training camp opens



KANSAS CITY (AFP) - Eric Fisher, the top selection in this year's NFL Draft, has agreed to terms with the Kansas City Chiefs and was set to join the club Friday for pre-season workouts.

The NFL website said Fisher had agreed to a fouryear deal worth about \$22 million and would likely set up the offensive lineman from Central Michigan University as the team's new starting right tackle.

The Chiefs also boast Branden Albert, their designated franchise player who will be among the highestpaid blockers in the NFL as a result, on the left side of the line

Kansas City claimed the first overall selection as a result of an NFL-worst 2-14 campaign last season. The Chiefs scored only 211 points, the fewest of any NFL team.

The Chiefs play their first pre-season exhibition game on August 9 at New Orleans and open the 2013 season on September 8 at Jacksonville



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Athletics: Hejnova sets season best in 400m hurdles



LONDON (AFP) - Zuzana Hejnova of the Czech Republic set a season best time in the women's 400m hurdles when she beat British rival Perri Shakes-Drayton at the London Diamond League on Friday.

Hejnova, who strengthened

her position at the top of the Diamond League standings, also set a new personal best time as she beat Shakes-Drayton for the third time in a League meeting this year as she surged to 53.07.



Diving: China's He completes hat-trick of world 3m titles

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BARCELONA (AFP) China's defending champion
He Chong won the men's 3m
springboard world title for
the third time in succession
on Friday to claim his second
gold in three days.

He, 26, won with a score of 544.95 points from Russia's Evgeny Kuznetsov's 508.00 and Mexico's Yahell Castillo, who tallied 498.30.

Having won men's 3m synchronised gold on Tuesday with partner Qin Kai, who finished fifth on Friday, this was He's fifth gold medal at a world championships.

It brought China's tally to seven golds from eight diving events in Barcelona with two more events to come.

"It was a hard final, but I am happy with my performance," said He. "The other athletes also prepared themselves very well and I sincerely congratulate all the medallists."



He said he didn't feel under pressure in the event after Chinese divers failed to win the men's 3m Olympic title in London last year.

"We don't need to prove anything. Everyone knows the strength of our team and its capacity," said He, who finished with bronze in London and Oin took silver.

"If one fails, we keep on training, and we move forward. Nobody can be on the top all the time.

But he admitted it was strange standing on the podium without 27-year-old Qin

"An outdoor competition always brings more challenges -- there is the sun, the wind," said He.

"Sometimes, the rankings may change, and I feel some pity for Qin, but during competition I only focus on my dives."

Olympic champion Ilya Zakharov failed to qualify for the final after the 22-year-old Russian struggled in Thursday's preliminary round, then missed out on one of the 12 places in the final.

Zakharov caused a shock at the 2012 Olympics by winning the 3m crown ahead of Qin and He, who between them had won the three preceding world titles.